

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7753–S7990*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3670–3677, and S. Res. 614–615. **Pages S7976–77**

**Measures Passed:**

**National Defense Authorization Act:** Senate passed H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 3254, the Senate amendment, as passed by the Senate on December 4, 2012, and after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7793–S7972**

Durbin Amendment No. 3332 (to the Senate amendment), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S7793–94**

Menendez/Kirk Amendment No. 3333 (to the Senate amendment), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7794**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses; and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Levin, Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (NE), Webb, McCaskill, Udall (CO), Hagan, Begich, Manchin, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Blumenthal, McCain, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, Wicker, Brown (MA), Portman, Ayotte, Collins, Graham, Cornyn, and Vitter. **Page S7972**

Subsequently, Senate vitiated the December 4, 2012 passage of the bill, and the adoption of the Senate Amendment. **Page S7786**

**Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3783, to provide for a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's growing hostile presence and activity in the Western Hemisphere, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7988**

Coons (for Rubio) Amendment No. 3334, to provide that the comprehensive strategy may be sub-

mitted in classified form, but shall include an unclassified summary of policy recommendations to address the growing Iranian threat in the Western Hemisphere. **Page S7988**

**Flood Disaster Protection Act:** Senate passed S. 3677, to make a technical correction to the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. **Pages S7988–89**

**World Peace Corps Mission and the World Peace Prize:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 614, celebrating the World Peace Corps Mission and the World Peace Prize. **Page S7989**

**2012 Nobel Prize in Chemistry:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 615, congratulating the recipients of the 2012 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. **Page S7989**

**House Messages:**

**Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2838, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 through 2015. **Pages S7972–93**

**Transaction Account Guarantee—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of S. 3637, to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program, at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 13, 2012; that it be in order for the Republican Leader, or designee, to raise a budget point of order against the bill; that if a point of order is raised, the Majority Leader, or designee, be recognized to move to waive the point of order; that the time until 12 noon be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 12 noon, Senate vote on the motion to waive the budget point of order, if such a motion is made; that if the motion to waive is successful, Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; that if the motion to waive is not successful, the cloture motion be withdrawn and the Majority Leader be recognized; and that if a budget point of order is not raised, the time until 12 noon be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 12 noon, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill. **Page S7989**

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Adjournment:	Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7990.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### TAX REFORM AND FEDERAL ENERGY POLICY

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine tax reform and Federal energy policy, focusing on incentives to promote energy efficiency, after receiving testimony from Dan Arvizu, Director, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Department of Energy; Steven Nadel, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, and Mark Wagner, Johnson Controls, both of Washington, D.C.; and Matt Golden, Efficiency First, San Francisco, California.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Shelly Deckert Dick, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, who was introduced by Senators Landrieu and Vitter, Andrew Pat-

rick Gordon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, who was introduced by Senators Reid and Heller, Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representatives Paul Ryan and Norton, and Beverly Reid O'Connell, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who was introduced by Senator Boxer, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### ENDING THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine ending the school-to-prison pipeline, after receiving testimony from former Senator Mike DeWine, Ohio Attorney General; Representatives Robert C. Scott and Danny K. Davis; Deborah Delisle, Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education; Melodee Hanes, Acting Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Steven C. Teske, Clayton County Juvenile Court Chief Judge, Jonesboro, Georgia; Judith A. Browne Dianis, Advancement Project, and Andrew J. Coulson, Cato Institute Center for Educational Freedom, both of Washington, D.C.; and Edward Ward, Chicago, Illinois.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Keith Kelly, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, who was introduced by Senator Tester, and William S. Greenberg, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 4 public bills, H.R. 6650–6653; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 829–830 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 6364, to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, to designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, including a National World War I Memorial on the National Mall in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–701, Pt. 1).

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